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SUBJECT:CHELIK MEETING WITH ASST. SECRETARY HARTMAN

1. TURKISH CYPRIOT "FOREIGN MINISTER" VEDAT CHELIK -- WHO HAD JUST RETURNED FROM NON-ALIGNED MEETING IN LIMA -- CALLED ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN AFTERNOON OF SEPTEMBER 3 FOLLOWING A DISCUSSION WITH EUR/SE. THE MEETING OPENED WITH ABRIEF DISCUSSION OF DENKTASH'S SCHEDULE WHILE IN NEW YORK FOR THE FOURTH ROUND OF INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS AND THE POSSIBILITY OF A CALL ON THE SECRETARY AFTER THE NEW YORK MEETINGS. CHELIK THEN TURNED TO SUBJECT OF STATUS OF OFFICE OF TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY IN NEW YORK. HE HAD CALLED ON JUSTICE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS AND HAD EXPLAINED THE EXACT NATURE OF OFFICE'S FUNCTIONS. PRIMARY FUNCTION WAS WITH UN MATTERS AND DEALING WITH THE SMALL TURKISH-CYPRIOT COMMUNITY.

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HE ACKNOWLEDGED, HOWEVER, THAT OFFICE OCCASIONALLY PERFORMED

CONSULAR FUNCTIONS AND HE REALIZED THIS MIGHT CAUSE SOME PROBLEMS. HE SAID HE HAD BEEN VERY CANDID WITH THE JUSTICE OFFICIALS AS HE WANTED NO MISUNDERSTANDING CONCERNING WORK OF NEW YORK OFFICE. HARTMAN MADE IT CLEAR THAT PROCEDURE OF REGISTRATION UNDER THE FOREIGN AGENT REGISTRATION ACT IN NO WAY INFERRED DIPLOMATIC STATUS. CHELIK SAID HE FULLY UNDERSTOOD THIS AND WOULD PROCEED WITH COMPLETING THE REQUIRED FORMS FOR REGISTRATION WITH JUSTICE.

2. IN RESPONSE TO HARTMAN'S QUERY ABOUT PROSPECTS FOR THE FOURTH ROUND, CHELIK OBSERVED THAT HE HAD BEEN OUT OF TOUCH SINCE LEAVING CYPRUS MID-AUGUST, AND COULD NOT FILL US IN ON LATEST DEVELOPMENTS. HE HOPED TALKS WOULD SURVIVE FOURTH SESSION AND THAT PROGRESS WOULD BE MADE. QUESTION OF TERRITORY WAS DIFFICULT BECAUSE OF POLITICAL SITUATION IN ANKARA. HIS SIDE HAD PROPOSED A "JOINT SECRETARIAT" TO ADDRESS THAT PARTICULAR PROBLEM. HARTMAN SAID THAT WE HAD BEEN UNDER IMPRESSION DENKTASH HAD COMMITTED HIMSELF TO DISCUSSING TERRITORIAL PROPOSALS WITH CLERIDES PRIOR TO THE NEXT ROUND. CHELIK SAID BOTH SIDES WERE TO SUBMIT MAPS BUT HE WAS NOT CERTAIN WHAT HAD HAPPENED.

3. HARTMAN STATED THAT WE HAD THOUGHT THE TURKISH SIDE WAS PREPARED TO DISCUSS TERRITORY AFTER GREEK SIDE HAD YIELDED AND ACCEPTED A BIZONAL SOLUTION AND A WEAK CENTRAL AUTHORITY. INDICATIONS THAT TURKS WERE BACKING OFF ON DISCUSSING TERRITORY CAUSED US CONCERN ABOUT PROSPECTS FOR THE FOURTH ROUND. CHELIK NOTED THAT DENKTASH HAD POSTPONED HIS TRIP TO INDONESIA AND WOULD STOP BY ANKARA PRIOR TO HIS VISIT TO NEW YORK. THIS COULD HAVE AN EFFECT ON THE TALKS. HE ALSO OBSERVED THAT CAGLAYANGIL WOULD BE IN NEW YORK DURING TALKS. HARTMAN STRESSED THAT ANYTHING POSITIVE THAT DEVELOPED FROM THE TALKS WOULD NOT ONLY AID OVERALL SOLUTION OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM BUT WOULD ALSO BE HELPFUL TO US IN CONNECTION WITH OUR PROBLEMS WITH CONGRESS ON THE TURKISH ARMS EMBARGO. HARTMAN RECALLED THAT VIENNA III HAD CREATED AN IMPROVED ATMOSPHERE AND HAD BEEN IN TURKISH ADVANTAGE. CHELIK ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HIS SIDE HAD GAINED CONSIDERABLY ON SEVERAL MAJOR ISSUES BUT STRESSED RESTRAINTS ANKARA PUTS ON TURKISH CYPRIOTS IN RECIPROCAL

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TING GREEK FLEXIBILITY.

4. HARTMAN NOTED THAT ACCEPTANCE BY THE GREEKS, CLERIDES, AND ESPECIALLY MAKARIOS OF BIZONALITY WAS A SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT AND REPRESENTED A CONSIDERABLE CHANGE IN GREEK CYPRIOT POLICY. PRIOR TO HELSINKI, MAKARIOS HAD NEVER INDICATED TO US THAT HE WOULD ACCEPT A BIZONAL SOLUTION. HARTMAN CAUTIONED THAT HOLDING OUT FOR TOO MUCH WOULD NOT

BE WORTH IT. A SETTLEMENT NOW WOULD GIVE THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS -- SOMETHING THEY HAVE LONG BEEN SEEKING.

5. HARTMAN MENTIONED RECURRING RUMORS OF UDI. CHELIK SAID SUCH A MOVE WOULD ONLY BE TAKEN IF THE TALKS DRAGGED ON INDEFINATELY. THERE WAS NO TIME LIMIT FOR SUCH A MOVE. HARTMAN SAID REAL QUESTION WAS TO GET AN AGREEMENT WHICH WILL ALLOW THE TWO COMMUNITIES TO WORK TOGETHER. IF THE

TURKS KEPT TOO MUCH LAND THEY WERE ONLY BUYING TROUBLE FOR LATER ON. SOME GENEROSITY NOW WOULD BENEFIT THEM IN THE LONG RUN. THERE HAD TO BE SOME PROVISION FOR THE GREEK CYPRIOT REFUGEES. IF TURKS PROCEEDED WITH SETTLEMENT OF NEW FAMAGUSTA IT WOULD IN EFFECT PRECLUDE A DURABLE SETTLE-

MENT BECAUSE THIS WAS ABOUT THE ONLY PLACE TO RETURN SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF REFUGEES.

6. IN CONCLUSION, CELIK EMPHASIZED THAT HE AND DENKTASH FAVORED AN EARLY SOLUTION WHICH WOULD UNDERCUT SOME RADICAL ELEMENTS AMONG BOTH TURKISH AND GREEK CYPRIOTS AND WOULD PREVENT A FURTHER SOLIDIFICATION OF STATUS QUO. KISSINGER

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